

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method in a computer system for displaying a graphical window on a display screen having a screen resolution, comprising:

5 determining the screen resolution for the display screen;
comparing the screen resolution against a pre-determined threshold value; and
automatically maximizing the size of the window on the display screen if the screen resolution is below the pre-determined threshold value.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining, for the window, whether a display size and display screen position are specified for the window; and
if a size and position are specified, rendering the window at the specified size and in the specified position, so that the window is not automatically maximized.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

if a size and position are not specified, determining if the window is capable of being maximized on the display screen; and

if the window is incapable of being maximized, rendering the window in a non-
20 maximized size on the display screen, so that the window is not automatically maximized.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the window has a restore button, the method further comprising:

determining if the restore button has been initiated; and

if the restore button has been initiated, reducing the size of the window on the display screen by a pre-determined amount.

5 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined threshold value is 800 pixels by 600 pixels.

6. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 1.

7. A computer system having a processor, a memory, and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute the method recited in claim 1.

8. In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display screen, a method of displaying information on the display, comprising:

creating a viewing window for the display of information on the display screen;

determining, for the window, whether a display size and display screen position are specified for the window, and if a size and position are specified, rendering the window at the specified size and in the specified position, and if not, automatically maximizing the size of the window on the display screen.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the creating step is performed through an application programming interface call, and wherein said determining step is performed by monitoring the application programming interface call.

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10. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
determining the screen resolution for the display screen;
comparing the screen resolution against a pre-determined maximize threshold value; and
5 automatically maximizing the size of the window on the display screen only if the screen
resolution is below the pre-determined maximize threshold value.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the window has a restore button, the method further
comprising:
determining if the restore button has been initiated if the window has been maximized;
and
if the restore button has been initiated, reducing the size of the window on the display
screen by a pre-determined amount.

12. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing
the method recited in claim 8.

13. A computer system having a processor, a memory, and an operating environment, the
computer system operable to execute the method recited in claim 8.

14. In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display screen, a
method of displaying information on the display, comprising:

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creating a viewing window for the display of information on the display screen;

determining, for the window, whether a display size and display screen position are specified for the window, and if a size and position are specified, rendering the window at the specified size and in the specified position, and if not;

5 determining if the window is capable of being maximized on the display screen; and

if the window is capable of being maximized, automatically rendering the window in a maximized size on the display screen.

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